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New Jersey Social and Emotional Learning Competencies—Proposed Revisions:

Self-Awareness

- o [Identify] **Recognize** one's feelings and thoughts
- o Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior
- o Recognize one's personal traits, strengths and limitations
- o [Demonstrate] Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges

• Self-Management

- Understand and practice strategies for managing one's own emotions, thoughts and behaviors
- o [Establish] Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals
- Identify and apply ways to persevere or overcome barriers through alternative methods to achieve one's goals

Social Awareness

- o Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others
- Demonstrate an awareness of [other's cultural backgrounds and respect for] the differences
 [between] among individuals, [and] groups and others' cultural backgrounds
- o [Understand social and ethical norms in order to interact effectively]
- o Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
- o Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings

• Responsible Decision-Making

- o Develop, implement and model effective problem solving and critical thinking skills
- o Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices
- o Evaluate personal, ethical, safety and civic impact of decisions

• Relationship Skills

- o Establish and maintain healthy relationships
- o Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
- o Identify ways to resist inappropriate social pressure
- o Demonstrate the ability to prevent and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways
- o Identify who, when, where, or how to seek help for oneself or others when needed